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CITY OFFICIALS DIRECTORY - 1977

Mayor
Charles P. Puksta - Councilman At Large

Assistant Mayor
Alton G. Desnoyer - Councilman At Large

City Council Members
Louie Elliott - Councilman At Large
Roland R. LaPointe - Ward 1
Sydney J. Clarke - Ward 1
Frank W. Connor - Ward 2
Theodore M. Monetta - Ward 2
Frank Lewko - Ward 3
Carmine D'Amante - Ward 3
Eleanor Fletcher - Ward 3

City Manager
Jerry L. Maxwell

Full-Time Officials
Auditor - Konrad D. Underkofler
City Clerk - Rose Ellen Haugsrud
Public Welfare Director - Margaret DeLude
Building Inspector - Clifford Lamere, Jr.
Tax Assessor - Roger Mikkelsen
Tax Collector - Patricia Gould
Treasurer - Jeannine Perry

Part-Time Officials
City Solicitor - Louie Elliott
Health Officer - Wilson R. Haubrich, VMD
Meat Inspector - Wilson R. Haubrich, VMD

Department Heads
Cemetery Superintendent - William Lewis
Highway Superintendent - John P. Fennessy
Librarian - Claire DeCleene
Claremont Housing Authority - Thomas West
Recreation and Park Director - Anthony N. Zotto
Water and Sewer Superintendent - Haakon Pederson
Community Development Program - William Blaisdell

Fire Department
Fire Chief - William Sullivan
Deputy Fire Chiefs - Richard R. George
Philadore Granger
Charles Fletcher

Police Commission
Roy Messer
Annmarie Tucker
Joseph St. Pierre

Police Department
Chief of Police - Joseph Devine

District Court
Judge - Albert D. Leahy, Jr.
Special Justice - Raymond V. Denault
Clerk - William Lynch

Personnel Advisor
Louis Smith

Trustees of Public Funds
Henry C. Hawkins, Jr.
Ralph V. Crosby
Romas J. Bissonnette

Board of Health

Members' names were
unavailable at time
of printing.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
James McGuire
Louis C. LaRiccia
Brian McGuire
Merton Thompson
Maurice Wernick

Housing Authority
Jon Auten
Norman Prudhomme
Honorine Bourdon
Louis Saucier
Joy Spanos

Planning Board
Richard Wahrlich
Paul Ferland
John Usko
Donald Clarke
John Manning

Public Health Committee
Frank W. Connor
Sydney J. Clarke
Mayor Charles P. Puksta

Public Safety Committee
Roland R. LaPointe
Mary Reese
Frank D'Amante

Public Works Committee
Adolph Burrows
Theodore M. Monetta
Alton G. Desnoyer

Library Trustees
Paul Magoon
Hazel Lord
Marion Buckley
Eleanor Fletcher
Theodore A. Monetta
Rev. Harold Campbell
Leslie Currier
Marina Limoges
Cynthia Ryer

Tolles Home Trustees
Anthony N. Zotto
Eleanor Parmelee
Dorothy Stever
Charles Hutchins
Elsie Knuckey
Rose Ellen Haugsrud

E. Charles Goodwin Community Center Commission
Nicholas C. Marro
Victor Szalucka
Jacqueline Whitcomb
Ronald Gardner
Edward Provost
Thelma Shulins
James Costa
Morey C. Miles
Dorothy Maxfield

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

Ordinance No. 165 "Special Assessments" adopted by the Council

Mary Reese, Ward III Councilor resigned.

City Council declared a vacancy in Ward III and set January 19th for the election of a new councilor.

City Council accepted the bequest of Mary I. Patton of her home on 26 Mulberry Street for the Historical Society.

Alton Desnoyer resigned as City Council representative to the Planning Board.

Brian Maguire elected as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Frank Lewko elected Councilor from Ward III

There were three meetings held in January.

FEBRUARY

Approved the Joy Tax Agreement.

Discussed the proposed Highway Department, Cemetery Department budgets.

Adoped a resolution to borrow in anticipation of taxes the sum of $1,900,000.00.

Approved the issuance and sale of $750,000.00-notes of the City for Waste Water Improvements in anticipation of Federal Aid

Set the Public hearing on the proposed budget, February 23rd.

Approved the third year Entitlement Funds.

Approved the grant to develop a Police-Court/Civic Center Facility under the Local Public Works and Capital Development Program.

Public Hearing on the 1977 City Budget. The total budget approved was $2,506,103.00

Ordinance 168 Salary Ordinance adopted.

City Council held five meetings in February.

MARCH

Carmine D'Amante appointed as Council Representative to the Planning Board.

Instructed the City Manager to contact our Local Representative to the General Court, also the President of the Senate, to urge the Govenor not to reduce present or future funding to Municipal or Local Educational bodies.

City Council approved the filing of Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Fall Application in the amount of $250,000.00 and using $8,000.00 out of Housing/Code Enforcement,II to begin the rehab program in the Wall, Meadow, High Street areas.

Public Hearing on the Broad Street Bridge Project to be April 19th.

There were four City Council meetings in March.

APRIL

Pearl Wainshal appointed as Claremont represnetative to the Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Reginal Association.

Donald Robin was granted premission to plant low shrubs at five intersections.

Claremont Housing Authority presented a low rent public housing program that was explained by Dick Moran from H U D.

There was one Council meeting held in April.

MAY

The Community Development office recommended the purchase of the property at 156 Main Street to be used as a park.

The Public Health Committee reported on the Outdoor Pool Facilities. A petition was presented to the City Council and signed by 450 persons, requesting the pool remain at the same location.

There were two meetings in May.

JUNE

City Council adopted Ordinance No. 170 "Zoning".

The Public Health Committee presented Ordinance 166 "Recreational Vechicles, Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks" for study.

City Council approved the Fire Department re-orginzation plan.

There were tow City Council meetings held in June.

JULY

Granted the Chamber of Commerce permission to held Sidewalk Sale on Pleasant Street.

Voted to place the question of Expanded Elderly Exemption on the November ballot.

Voted to authorize the City Manager to file project proposals under CETA Title VI.

Frank Lewko was appointed the Council representative to the Planning Board.

Voted to redesign access and egress at Maple Avenue and Maple Heights intersection.

Two meetings were held in July.

AUGUST

City Council adopted three ordinances: Ordinance No. 172 (Salaries), Ordinance No. 174 Police Emergency Assistance and Ordinance No. 175 Plumbing Code.

Adolph Burrows resigned as Councilman from Ward III

Authorized the City Manager to join the National Association of Smaller Communities.

There were two meetings held in August.

SEPTEMBER

Eleanor Fletcher was elected to fill the vacancy in Ward III

Block Avenue was accepted as a city street.

City Council adopted Ordinance No. 171 - Parks Ordinance

Approved the 1977 Revenue Sharing Expenditures.

Heard a report on the Water System Report from Whitman and Howard Engineers.

Three meetings were held in September.

OCTOBER

Authorized the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, to issue and sell, not to exceed 65,000, in temporary notes for the Municipal Complex.

Adopted Ordinance No. 176 - Building Code

OCTOBER

Merton Thompson appointed to Zoning Board of Adjustment to replace Lee Fletcher.

Adopted a resolution to convey real and personal property to Joy Manufacturing.

Three meetings were held in October.

NOVEMBER

James Fleury and Lawrence Stickney appointed alternate members to the Zoning Board

Ordinance No. 177 - Traffic adopted.

Free parking granted for the month of December.

Three meetings weree held in November.

DECEMBER

City Council adopted a resolution on the proposed Water and Sewer Project (Authority to Borrow and Appropriate and the Authority to Execute Contract).

City Council met in special session to receive the proposed 1978 City Budget.

Three were two meetings in December.

BOARD OF HEALTH

World Health Organization cards stamped	14
Day Care Centers inspected	23
Sewerage approvals from state	35
Sewerage systems inspected	32
Special activities license	1
Liquor license for events	3
Restaurant permit	1
Restaurants inspected	40
Foster Home inspection	10
Dog bite and quarantine investigation	2
Milk license issued	31
Nuisance complaints investigated	31
Reportable disease	3
State water jugs issued	21
Investigation relati-g to dirty city water	2
Landlord vs tenant complaint	1
Meat and grocery stores inspected	33
Disinternment permit	1
Special Food permit	1
New Food license	1
Food License inspected	1
House heat problem	3
Food problem investigated	1
Total of above calls and investigations	291

Wilson R. Haubrich, V.M.D.
City Health Officer

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The major highlight in the Building Department for the year 1977 was the issuance of building permits for the construction of the new Police Station Complex and the remodeling of the old City Hall and Police Station.

During the year 1977, there has been considerable construction in the commercial field. Building permits were issued for various types of contruction which included Joy Manufacturing Company, C & S Grocers, Claremont Glass Company, Claremont Beef Company, Claremont Paper Company, Holson Company, Carpet World, Harry Shepard/Browning Ferris Indurstires, and Hampshire Manufacturing Company.

There was a slight decline in the construction of new housing with thirty-four new homes constructed during 1977 compared to forty-two new homes in 1976. Eighteen mobile homes were installed; twenty swimming pools were installed; twenty-three garages were constructed and forty-two additions were constructed. A reported $4,310,730.00 in construction was recorded in 1977. Numerous premits were issued to individuals for general remodeling.

Duties of the Building Inspector consist of approving all plans before a permit can be issued. These plans must meet all City specifications and codes. Inspections must be made on all construction, wiring and plumbing to make sure that everything complies with accepted construction plans.

Other duties of the Building Inspector consist of acting as agent for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Code Enforcement Officer, and also serving as a member of the Building Commission and the Codes Review Board.

Marie Moore, Secretary to the Building Inspector, is also secretary to the City Engineer. She is also clerk to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and secretary to the Planning Board. She takes the minutes of each Board meeting and types and sends these minutes to each Board member. She also must send notices to all abutting property owners of the property in question and has to see that proper notices are placed in the local newspaper.

Another member of the Building Department is Richard Bean who as of November 3, 1975 has filled the Federally-funded position of Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer. The duties of this Officer consist of assisting the City Building Inspector and working in conjuction with the City Fire Inspector and Health Officer. He also conducts housing inspections of six (6) sections of the compact area of the City while answering written complaints involving substandard housing. He inspects all remodeling and repairing in existing buildings and enforced City and State junk car laws.

He must also work with the Zoning Ordinance, issue building permits. He also has the responsibility for plumbing and electrical inspections. He also has the authority to issue occupancy permits as well as providing information to persons having questions concerning the Building Department. He is responsible for submitting reports to the Building Inspector concerning Code violations for proper action.

Clifford Lamere
Building Inspector

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Claremont Zoning Board acted on several applications for variances and special exceptions during the year.

Some of the highlights in particular were variances granted to Claremont Paper Company to construct a storage building; C & S Grocers to construct a new warehouse; Claremont Glass Company to construct a carpet warehouse with an office area in the front protion of the building; Burger Village (Smalley's Mini Mart) to construct an addition; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to construct an addition; Joy Manufacturing for permission to locate a 1,000 gallon bulk mapp gas tank; Richard Arnold to conduct a woodworking type of business on Clay Hill Road; E.D. Hodgdon, Jr. to hold auctions on 116 Mulberry Street; A & M Automotive for an auto parts store at the intersection of Charles, West Pleasant and Mulberry Streets; Eugene Fleury/Claremont Speedway, Inc. to have an outdoor entertainment at the Speedway. Among special exceptions granted was one to Johnson Oil Company to locate a 20,000 gallon oil tank on Twistback Road. Also, permission was granted to Lee Fletcher/Falcon Builders to remove approximately 1,500 cubic yards of gravel from the side of Washington Street to Roberts Hill Road.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five members appointed by the City Council and which meets on the first Monday of the month. Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 1977 are Maurice Wernick - Chairman, James McGuire, Louis LaRiccia, Rodney Webster, and Dr. Lee Fletcher. Later in the year Brian Maguire replaced Mr. Webster as a member of the Board, and Merton Thompson later replaced Dr. Fletcher as a member of the Board. Alternates were James Fleury, Lawrence Stickney, and Francis Adams. Also, Clifford Lamere - Building Inspector is the Agent to the Board for the City with Marie Moore as Clerk.

CITY ENGINEER

Planning and design of major capital improvements dominated my activities in 1977 and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. although these projects are designed by consulting engineering firms hired by the City because they have the necessary staff and specialized expertise or in the case of highway projects by the New Hampshire Department of Highways. Considerable work is generated for the City Administration when these projects are undertaken.

As City Engineer, I must work closely with consultants, provide them with vital information on existing facilities and problems, coordinate the project designs between the various consultants to assure proper phasing of construction and eliminate duplication, deal with various State and Federal Agencies and generally review the project designs to be certain our local needs are being met.

Since the City must bear the full cost of operating and maintaining these facilities, I have been particularly concerned with equipment and material selection. On several occasions, design costs were reduced by personally performing topographic and engineering surveys and by arranging to have necessary property surveys done locally. These efforts for the most part go unrecognized, but are essential to good thorough engineering design, which provides the public with the most for their investment.

Major projects either in the planning for design phase during this past year were:

1. A new Wastewater Trement Pland and associated interceptor lines and system improvements.

2. Study and investigation of the City Water System and rate structure to determine needed facility improvements and financing alternatives.

3. Municipal Complex Project involving a new Police Station and Court House and improvements to City Hall and Opera House.
4. Improvements and signalization of the North Street-Elm Street intersection.

5. New Broad Street Bridge and street approach improvements.

The highlight of 1977 was the construction of the long awaited extension of the City Sewer System on Washington Street. The City was

able to obtain special permission form the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Water Supply and Polution Control Commission to construct this Sewer extension in advance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and retain Federal and State Funding assistance. Although high ground water and the commercial activity in this area made this project difficult and costly, severe health problems from failed septic systems and direct wastewater discharges were eliminated and continued industrial and commercial growth on Washington Street is now possible.

Projects personally designed and accomplished by contract included the construction of a concrete apron around the exterior walls of the Library to eliminate seepage of surface water into the building and the sealing and resurfacing of the secondary runway at the City Airport. With manpowere provided by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) foundation drains were installed around the Arrowhead Ski Area Building, the Bathhouse at the Outdoor Pool was razed to allow for reconstruction and enlargement of the pool, and a large building at the corner of Factory and Main Streets was dismantled and removed to make room for a future playground-park, all at little cost to the City.

As technical advisor to and member of the Planning Board, I spent considerable time with applicants, reviewing submittals and inspecting required improvements. Major plans reviewed were for the construction of the Senior Citizen Housing by Berkshire Builders, Inc. on the former Urban Renewal Site. The construction of the facilities for the Holson Company on Twist Back Road, a shopping center on Washington Street, and a 41 lot Residential subdivision off Charlestown Road known as Ledgewood.

In summary, significant progress was made during 1977 towards the resolution of several problems which have confronted the City for years. Completion of the Wastewater, water system, and transportation improvements are vital to Claremont's future economic growth and I will therefore do my best to see that these improvements proceed on shcedule.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Total persons aided in 1977 were 1,379. This was a decrease of 600 persons over 1976. The number of families was decreased by two hundred twenty eight to 504 families. Despite the decrease in the caseload for 1977 the cost of living increases were hard to contend with. The emergency fuel loan program has been of some help in the year of 1977.

Our total 1977 expenditures for direct relief were $54,197., which was $9,108. under the 1977 budgeted amount of $63,305. The City matching share of the Federal, State and Community Old Age Assistance and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled programs was budgeted at %42,000. but mandated expenditures were $54,831. The monthly average number of persons receiving O.A.A. in 1977 were 10 and A.P.T.D. 82. This caseload has remained relatively stable but costs have increased tremendously.

The information, advice and referral, counselling remains at about 4,000 contacts per year in addition to our financial aid clients. The free clothing room continues to do a brisk business and provides a much needed service. In 1977 our work-relief clients have worked primarily for the Community Center and Parks Department as well as all areas of the City Hall. We do not have statistics on the man-hours of work received by these departments but they are all charged to the Welfare budget. The result is "free" labor for the participating departments.

In 1977 I made 32 trips to Concord. Most of these were related to the 1977 legislative session and laws affecting your local Welfare Department and your tax dollars. Some legislation passed by the General Court(over my dead body) will be disastrous to the local cities and towns if we are not able to rectify this in the 1979 session.

One bill, however, should assure that Claremont will be paying a much less "share" of the cost of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled. Heretofore, anyone having or gaining a settlement in Claremont and entitled to aid in these categories was the liability of Claremont in perpetuity. Since the policy of the City is to build more and more housing for the elderly and disabled, and since the policy of the State is to release more and more patients from the State Hospital and Laconia State School,

and since these persons will, of necessity, be located in communities providing their needed services, you can understand my concern for Claremont's carrying a disproportionate share of this financial burden. The legislation we were successful in getting passed now provides that, as of Sept. 1, 1978, we will carry these persons in the same manner that we carry our direct relief clients: ie: one year. The financial aid and tax burden is then transferred to the county in which those persons are residing. True, we will still be paying through our county tax, but the base is much broader and far more equitable. As of Sept. 1, 1978 Claremont will be dropping approximately 71 such clients and after that date will carry future clients for a period of one year.

The increasingly strong pattern of the State doing a "cop-out" on their financial responsibility will undoubtedly necessitate a greater legislative activity in the 1979 on the part of myself, the N. H. Municipal Association and the N. H. Local Welfare Administrators if we are to stem the tidal waves of State "cop-outs".

Respectfully submitted

Margaret "Peg" DeLude

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Property, Resident And Yield Taxes

Levy of 1977

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$4,413,116.73	
Resident Taxes	81,390.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2,714.75	
Total Warrants		$4,497,221.48
Yield Taxes		9,750.54
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	$ 212,501.39	
Resident Taxes	3,940.00	
		216,441.39
Land Use Change Taxes		1,860.00
Overpayments During Year:		
a/c Property Taxes	$ 6,372.76	
a/c Resident Taxes	250.00	
		6,622.76
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		126.39
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		264.00
TOTAL DEBITS		$4,732,286.56

Levy of 1977

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Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$3,880,389.69	
Resident Taxes	69,310.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2,704.75	
Yield Taxes	8,241.59	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,860.00	
Interest Collected	126.39	
Peanlties on Resident Taxes	264.00	
		$3,962,896.42
Discounts Allowed		- - -
Abatements Made During Year:		
Deeded	507.28	
Property Taxes	14,834.52	
Resident Taxes	2,770.00	
Yield Taxes	561.33	
		18,673,13
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977: (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	736,259.39	
Resident Taxes	13,510.00	
Yield Taxes	947.62	
		750,717.01
TOTAL CREDITS		$4,732,286.56

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

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	Taxes Sales on Account of Levies of: 1976	1975	1974	Previous Year
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes-January 1, 1977		$68,631.38	$32,550.66	$ 66.22
(b) Taxes Sold to City During Current Fiscal Year	$135,926.76			
Interest Collected After Sale	1,537.26	4,602.12	6,375.74	
Redemtion Costs				
TOTAL DEBITS	$137,464.02	$73,233.50	$38,926.40	$ 66.22

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:				
Redemptions	$ 50,590.02	$31,295.76	$27,225.17	$ 66.22
Interest & Costs After Sale	1,537.26	4,602.12	6,375.74	
Abatements During Year	627.30	504.55	---	
Deeded to City During Year	6,565.07	5,346.99	5,576.91	
Refunds	- 1,185.28		251.42	
Unredeemed Taxes December 31, 1977	79,329.65	31,484.08	-0-	
TOTAL CREDITS	$137,464.02	$73,233.50	$38,926.40	$ 66.22

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1977

Ten new water services were laid by the Water Department in 1977 and fourteen water services were relaid. A main was relaid on Marcotte Avenue. Nine water main leaks were repaired. Seven services were repaired that had leaks and twenty water services were thawed during the cold winter months.

Mydrants were serviced and prepared for winter by the addition of anti-freeze. Some maintenance painting was done during the summer. Four hydrants had to be replaced because of damage due to accidents and two new dydrants were installed on Ledgewood Drive. We have three hundred and twenty six hydrants that are currently active in 1977.

Roads to the reservoirs are kept in substantial repair with gravel hauled as needed adn they are plowed during the winter months to insure access to the reservoirs. During the summer months the grass was mowed at the reservoirs and brush was cut as time allowed.

The mains throughout the City were flushed the weekend of October 15, 1977.

The usual checking and maintenance of the chlorinator, reservoirs and Clark Well pump was done on shcedule. Several services were shut off permanently as unchlorinated users went on wells. Gate boxes were reaised, curbs located and repaired as necessary and coldpatching was done where needed.

Four meters were frozen and had to be replaced. Work continued in replacing worn our and stopped meters. New meters with outside readouts were installed in new services whenever possible.

Water samples were taken regularly and sent to the state for testing. On the whole the results were satisfactory, especially when considering that our source of supply is from surface reservoirs.

General Information:

Number of New services laid in 1977	10
Number of relaid services in 1977	14
Total number of services in 1977	3425
Cost of Chlorinating water in 1977	$1532.16
Cost of Calgon Treatment for 1977	1481.70
Capacity of reservoirs (5)	267,000,000 gals.
Amount of water used 1977	509,994,000 gals.
Decrease over 1976	40,353,000 gals.
Average daily consumption in 1977	1,397,244 gals.
Average daily consumption per capita based on population of 15,000	93 gals.
Precipitation for 1977 totals	46.88 inches
Average precipitation for past 63 yrs.	36.96 inches

The Sewer Department unplugged two hundred thirty six services and sixty-one mains, installed sic new services excluding Washington Street which is still in process, repaired two mains, relaid two services and installed three clean-outs. Seven frozen services and four frozen mains were thawed.

Sewer mains were reamed, flushed and salted and manholes were checked regularly. Two manholes were replaced. The brush on sewer line right-of-ways was cut and sewer lines checked for condition.

The City accepted the chlorinator building and equipment at the State of New Hampshire Vo-tech College on Hanover Street and is now responsible for its proper maintenance. The Washington Street pumping station went into operation November 1977 and is pumping an average of 18,000 gpd of sewage.

Work at the Sewage Disposal Plant consisted of work on the flights, settling tanks and digesters. The road at the plant was repaired with patch to make it smoother- The disposal plant recorded 396, 176, 383 gallons of sewage treated and 2,729,100 cubic feet of gas was generated in 1977.

Where it is possible training programs are beoing taken advantage of by department men. More use will be made in the future of such programs. Programs consist of training in various maintenance procedures for both sewer and water plant operation.

William E. Blaidsell
Water & Sewer Department
Superintendent

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Congress decided to award "block grants" to cities to help them solve their problems. The block grants were to be used to revitalize cities, eliminate blighting conditions, and improve economic and housing conditions, particularly low and moderate-income persons. At the time, Claremont was informed that it was entitled to an annual block grant of $236,000 for three years and smaller grants for two more years. Each year, the City prepares an application to compete with other New Hampshire cities for additional "discretionary" funds.

Since the inception of the program, Claremont's City Council and administration have worked with a citizen's advisory committee to define the city's problems, formulate goals, and plan programs for which Community Development funds were allocated during the first and second program years.

1. Completion of urban renewal program. In June, the City used Community Development funds to purchase the Lacasse Park urban renewal site from the Claremont Housing Authority. This allowed the Housing Authority to "close the books" on the urban renewal program. Within the next few months, the City was able to obtain H.U.D. approval for the construction of 80 units of housing for the elderly on the site. Berkshire Builders, Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire, was designated as the developer of the project.

2. High Street neighborhood rehabilitation program. The City was successful in winning its first Community Development "discretionary" grant in 1977. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded Claremont $250,000 for the purpose of providing rehabilitation grants in the High Street area, acquiring and demolishing dilapidated structures, and improving the streets and sidewalks in the neighborhood. Even before the grant was approved in August, a number of property owners had indicated a strong interest in the rehab program. By December 30, the City has acquired five dilapidated structures and relocated five families.

3. Main Street Park. Using Community Development funds, the City acquired a vacant, dilapidated building at the corner of Main and Factory Streets. This building will be demolished and the lot will be used for a small neighborhood park.

4. Preparation for comprehensive revitalization program. During the year, it became apparent that Claremont could be much more successful in meeting the needs of its central neighborhoods and and in competing for federal grants if it had a better data base.

The Community Development Department used CETA funds to hire Susan Linsey and four interviewers to survey the needs of the residents. Under Ms. Linsey's direction, the interviewers surveyed about 800 families during the fall of 1977. The information they gained proved to be invaluable when the City applied for funds for Tremont Square and for a $1.2 million comprehensive neighborhood revitalization program. The Community Development Department wishes to thank the residents of these neighborhood who were extremely cooperative in providing information.

5. H.U.D. Monitoring of Community Development Program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development schedules periodic "monitoring" visits of grant recipients to determine whether or not C.D. funds have been used in accordance with national goals and in compliance with an awesome number of federal regulations. Claremont received its first monitoring visit in October, 1977. The members of the H.U.D. team pointed out a number of errors which occurred early in the C.D. program, but they were very enthusiastic about Claremont's efforts to revive the urban core. All of the H.U.D. recommendations were implemented by December 31, 1977.

It would be impossible to individually thank the many Claremont residents who helped to shape the Community Development program during the year. They include members of the City Council, residents of the High Street neighborhood, members of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee and Rehab Grant Committee, local businessmen and bankers, members of the Claremont media, and members of the other City Departments. Their help is deeply appreciated.

Linda Mangones
Acting Community Development Director
during 1977

CEMETARY DEPARTMENT

The Department handled one hundred and seventy interments throughout the year. Many improvements were made to old lots that were sunken in or had tipped monuments. We carried out all work included in the Perputual Care Fund in all the municipal cemeteries. This includes mowing, trimming, raking, filling in graves and reseeding. One hundred and six concrete monument foundations were installed. Approximately ninety new lots were sold. New areas were prepared for sale of lots. All vital statistics were entered into the Lot Books and Interment Records. Many requests were answered for people doing Geneology's.

William Lewis
Superintendent of Cemeteries

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

YEARLY REPORT FOR 1977

The weather for January, February, and March was the type that usually keeps the department busy. Many hours were spent sanding, salting and plowing. Snow was removed during this period to facilitate the opening of catch basins in anticipation of frozen lines that would have to be thawed.

Spring brought the usual problems of pot holes and collapsed catch basins as well as sign and meter posts that have to be straightened or replaced. The sweeper started operating early this year as there was a lot of sand to clem up after the winter sanding operations. The grader was kept busy during the spring smoothing up gravel roads.

During the summer months, the Highway Department performed a variety of tasks. All of the City's gravel road were graded, raked, chlorided, and rolled. Leslie Avenue and Marcotte Avenue were both completely reconstructed and a base course of bituminous concrete applied; new concrete sidewalks were installed on Stone Avenue and Leslie Avenue by a local contractor; the finish course of bituminous concrete was applied to Stone Avenue. The T.R.A. Project on Pappas Road was continued with some more blasting and graveling of the road. Charlestown Road was shimmed and catch basins were raised by the department in preparation for bituminous concrete overlay applied by Midway Excavators. Liquid asphalt was applied to various streets and outroads under the 1977 Oiling Program.

A 58" x 36" arch pipe was installed at the intersection of Sugar River Drive and Puckershire Avenue this fall to alleviate the flooding problems in that area. A one inch overlay of bituminous concrete was applied to Spofford Street, Richard Street, Chapel Street, and Putnam Street and asphalt sidewalks were patched and capped throughout the High Street area as part of the community improvement program.

November and December brought the usual end of the year storms and the departmnet wad kept busy taking care of them. The price of salt increased by $7.25 per ton during this period, so further efforts were made to decrease the use of it.

A new roof was put on the Highway Department Garage during the year by Jancewicz & Sons Roofing Contractors. A replacement was

purchased for one of the old 1800 Model Dump Trucks. Also, a new Eager-Beaver Tag-A-Long trailer was purchased from New Hampshire Explosives & Machinery Corp.

Two service awards were presented during 1977. Leonard Ouellette was given a 15 year pin and Jerone "Jerry" Serem was given a 10 year pin.

John P. Fennessy
Highway Superintendent

CLAREMONT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Commissioner of the Claremont Housing Authority elected the following officers at their Annual Meeting, May 25, 1977:

Jon S. Auten, Chairman
Leo T. Abbott, Vice Chairman
Norman L. Prudhomme, Treasurer

The other two Commissioners at the May meeting were Donald M. Swinyer and Robert G. Davis. However, Mr. Davis and Mr. Swinyer's term of office ended in May and June respectively and for the rest of the year the Housing Authority operated with only the three above-named officers.

Mr. Thomas D. West is the Executive Director and Secretary. Mrs. Dorothy Silver is Secretary-Assistant for Housing. Arnold Purmort continued to serve in the maintenance capacity for the Marion L. Phillips Apartments. Betty-Jean Cry administers the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program for the city.

HOUSING

The Marion L. Phillips Apartments, 243 Broad Street, remained at full occupancy during the year with a substantial waiting list.

Mr. Frank J. McKee's gift in his wife's name, Margaret Lawlor McKee, was used to put permanent plants in the lobby of the building. The kitchen was renovated to some degree this year. The security deposits of the tenants are being returned. Fluorescent lighting was put in all of the apartments. The driveway and parking lot were resurfaced and the fourth floor apartments were painted. The Tenants Association reelected in September the incumbent officers and they are as follows:

Frank Stacy, President
Clayton Gobin, Vice President
Lillian Knowlton, Secretary
Pearl Chamberlain, Treasurer

URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NHR-21

The Urban Renewal Project was closed out and according to the contract the land was sold back to the city. Within a short time the city had a builder who had secured Section 8 help. A check of $21,000 was returned to the city at the close out of the Urban Renewal.

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

We are continuing with Albert D. Leahy, Jr., Esq., for the legal interest of the Claremont Housing Authority. Also, our financial accounts are handled by Lawrence DeCourcey, Waltham, Massachusetts.

FISKE FREE LIBRARY

NOTABLE EVENTS:

Head Librarian Susan Hunter retired in April as a new Head Librarian, Clare DeCleene, was hired.

The Reference Librarian, Emily Fayen, resigned to take another position and Marilyn Nagy was hired to replace her.

The Fiske Free Library, the New Hampshire Council West of the New Hampshire Commission on the Arts and the Claremont Bicentennial Commission jointly sponsored the production of a slide/tape program on the Covered Bridges of the Mid-Connecticut Valley Region.

The annual Book and Bake Sale was held in July and over $300 was raised by the efforts of the Library Board and the Library Staff.

A Film Series was held in the Fall and several area businesses showed their support for the Library by sponsoring films. The program was a success with 30-40 people in the audience at each film.

The Library also sponsored an exhibit from the New Hampshire Commission on the Arts. The exhibit lasted only one week, but was felt to be worthwhile.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

The regular summer reading program was held and over 100 children completed the program and were invited to a party.

A new story hour format was developed and two story hour sessions were held in the Fall. Among the activities included in story hour were the reading of books, doing fingerplays, singing, viewing filmstrips, and making crafts.

The Library inaugurated its own Puppet Theater at the Annual Book and Bake Sale. The puppets were successful and a Christmas program was organized to be performed for libraries, shcools, Senior Citizens, and other groups. A professional puppet group was brought to the Library in October and over 80 children and parents squeezed into the Sarah Gilmore Room for their performance.

Children's films were shown weekly throughout the year.

PROCESSING DEPARTMENT:

Two new trust funds were established, another one was increased and a fourth one was redefined to broaden its use.

Because of the large budget cuts in periodicals, the library received many offers of gift subscriptions to allow our periodicals collection to remain substantially the same.

The records are in the process of being reclassified according to a more acceptable and more specific system. This creates a temporary inconvenience for the patron, but it hoped that in the end it will be easier for the patron to find the record he wants.

A new procedure for keeping records of the book stock in the Library was established and it is hoped that in the future it will be easier to find necessary statistics for reports.

A new position funded through Manpower has been assigned to the processing department to relieve some of the workload and do some of the clerical tasks.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT:

In early November, the Reference Librarian resigned and a new person was hired to begin in January.

There has been a tightening up of the policy of ordering and lending films to groups. The service is still available, but we have to have better control of it to ensure its continuance.

There have been three notable purchases in the Referance Collection: three volumes of the Social Issues Resource Series, New Hampshire Statutes Rivised, and Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT:

The circulation area has reconsidered the fine policy and there is now stricter enforcement of it. With the assistance of the Claremont Police Department, it is hoped that more overdue books will be returned and the loss from unreturned items will decrease.

In April, the fines were increased to 5¢ per day. This helps to alleviate the cost of staff time spent in sending overdue notices.

In an attempt to develop more efficient use of staff time, a common due date was initiated for items checks out of the Library. This reduces the amount of time spent filing and checking files when a book is requested.

CLAREMONT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Claremont Visiting Nurse Association has had a successful year, providing nursing care to residents of Claremont.

The agency started a new program in January. We are now having a Blood Pressure and Diabetic Screening Clinic monthly at the Marion Philips Apartments. Results of each clients tests are sent to their private physician. A total of 879 tests were completed at these clinics.

The Well Child Clinic was held nine times with 235 children attending. This Clinic is co-sponsored by the Liones Club; some members volunteer and give much needed assistance. These Clinics are held for preschool infants and children and receive immunizations and physical exams with the consultation of a local physician. The support and guidance for growth, development and early detection of any deviations from normal is a major goal of the agency. All vaccines are provided by the State of New Hampshire.

The Crippled Children's Clinic was held four times at Claremont General Hospital for children in Cullivan County. This Clinic is a result of cooperative effort between the C.V.N.A. and the New Hampshire State Crippled Children's Service, and several Doctors at the Hospital. There were 51 clients served in 1977.

The staff attended In-Service Meetings throughout the year and some staff have attended Team Meetings at the Hospital.

The Blue Cross Medicare representative audited patients records in May. These were conducted to determine if the clients are meeting Medicare requirements.

Betty Zerba attended several High-Risk Conferences in Hanover regarding babies that the agency follows.

In June 1977 a Dental Clinic was cosponsored by the State Dental Association for children 3-5 years of age. Three Dental Hygienists from Concord gave topical fluoride treatments after dental cleaning and oral prophylaxis and took xrays when needed on 53 eligible children out of 75 who were registered. These clinics will be held every sic months.

Re-certification survey was conducted over a period of three days, and the Public Health Nurse Consultant made periodic visits during the year for In-Service. The Public Health Nurse made monthly visits.

The Agency moved to the present offices September 1, 1977, where we have rented 4 large rooms as well as a storage room. We are now able to hold our clinics and meetings in our office, which is more convenient and great time saver.

The week of November 14-18, 1977 was declared New Hampshire Home Health Agency week by the Governor. We held an Open House for the public, and sent out invitations to the old and new Councilmen for a special Open House, November 16. We were very disappointed that only the City Manager and one incoming Councilman visited.

When Dr. Charles Keeley retired he donated his furniture, new adult scales and some medical supplies to the Agency.

The Agency bought a much-needed automobile on December 13, 1977. It is 1978 Chevrolet Nova four door sedan.

We have made a total of 2940 visits this year, including 390 visits by the Physical Therapist.

Betty Zerba RN/cs
Administrator/Supervisor

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the members of the Recreation and Park Departments, I would like to express appreciation to the City of Claremont, the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Members of the Goodwin Community Center Commission, and all who had part in providing funds, facilities, and personnel necessary in the operation of our recreation program.

I would also like to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of our professional workers, volunteers leaders, helpers, civic organizations, our schools and all other without whose splendid support our task of providing a complete program would have been impossible.

The following is a list of facilities available to the people of Claremont; E. Charles Goodwin Community Center; the Indoor Pool; Outdoor Pool; two baseball diamonds, one with lights; hourseshoe courts; picnic area with fireplaces and tables; four playgrounds; three skating rinks; football field; rifle range; soccer field; Junior Sports League Building; Little League Baseball Field; commons, private golf course; badminton courts; the Arrowhead Skiway and Gymnasium attached to the Indoor Pool.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Park Department has kept busy maintaining all the parks and Islands in the City, improving present facilities, repairing and adding new equipment. The Athletic Fields, were maintained during the entire year. The department prepared and amintained three skating rinks in the City. The skating rink at Monadnock Park was graded with fill from Arrowhead and a new sound System was put in. Cement pads were pured, upon which a new storage unit 16x24 was constructed from materials salvaged from the Bath House at the outdoor pool, which was demolished. New benches were made for the skating rink. The warm-up hut interior was refinished and a new heating system was installed. Drainage and diverting of water from A-frame house at Arrowhead was done along with grading and cleaning of area. The Chestnut Street entrance to Monadnock Park was asphalted. The parking lot at Monadnock Park was fenced. The old hockey house was removed and replaced by two cement buildings for storage. The bleachers and playground equipment at Monadnock Park were painted.

New playground equipment was purchased for all parks such as swings, merry-go-round, etc. A new athletic liner was purchased and paid for by Claremont School District. This unit speeds up the lining of the football, hockey and soccer fields.

The Park Department also assisted the Highway Department in plowing street, Arrowhead and the Webster property during snow storms.

Unfortunately vandalism is still rampant in our system. At Barnes Park beer bottles are found daily. The Moody Park Gate was damaged by a car. The tennis court fence, the fence surrounding the entrance along with the cement pillars were damaged.

OUTDOOR POOL

The outdoor pool season was nine weeks. Swim Meets were held by the swim team. Eighty warm-up jackets were purchased for the swim team with money raised by the swim team parents. Swimming leassons were given at the outdoor pool. The Newport Recreation Department made use of the pool for their swimming program. The Enrichment Program also made use of the pool.

SPORTS PROGRAM

The Department conducts a very active sports program throughout the year for all age groups. Basketball and baseball is conducted for all age groups with tournament at the end of the season. Softball, basketball and volleyball are held for women and men. Other sports include Wiffle Ball, Pee Wee Soccer, Flag Football,Volleyball, Gymnastics, Swim Team, General swimming and Tennis lessons.

GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Programs that were conducted at the Goodwin Community Center were: Baton lessons, Exercise to Feel Better, Karate classes, Weightlifting, and Ballroom Dance classes.

The Claremont Senior Citizens used the Center for their weekly meetings along with the Bridge Club, Chess Club, Area Girl Scouts, Beagle Club, Garden Club, Action CBers, Claremont Snow Mobile Club and Square Dancing. The center also conducted classes for youngsters and adults in crafts.

The Center was also used by the Jaycees Air Rifle Program, Gun Safety Program, the Lioness Club sponsored Vision and Hearing Center for preschoolers, the K of C Hoop Shoot, Christmas Toy Project and distribution of Food Baskets and Clothes to the needy.

Other buildings are avilable to the Center in which to conduct programs too large for the Center Building. One of these being the Junior Sports League Building, a branch of the Recreation Department, is avilable to the public for square dancing, badminton, table tennis and roller skating.

The area between the Center building and the Post Office was finished with a surface of Ledge Dust and a concrete apron around 3/4 of the building was constructed.

Donations were received from the following, McDonalds, Womens Athletic Association, Kiwanis Club, Don LaClair and N. C. Marro.

GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

The new gym was used by Circle 8 Square dancers, VoTech, Cornish Fire Department, Saint Mary's CYO, TSV Basketball Tournament for Adults Steven High Cheerleaders, Claremont Archer's for Archery Tourney, Christain Academy, Kiwanis, Claremont Fire Department, Wethersfield Pathfinders Snowmobile Club, Steven Girl Basketball Team, Men's and Women's Basketball and Volley ball, Belly Dancing Class, Rehab Center , Basketball Day Camp, American Red Cross, Steven High Alumni, Opera House Committee, Senior Citizen Council, Shugah River Snowmobilers, Outing Club, Harlem Diplomats, Eagle Times Newsboys, Saint Mary's Dinner, Joy Manufacturing, Unity School, Jaycees Holloween Party, Church of the Living Word and for the many programs run by the Center including the Christmas Craft Market and Ski and Skate Sale.

Improvements that were made include the following; New lockers, padding for behind backboards, kitchen cabinets installed, new lights installed, curtain was installed so gym could be divided into two units, thresholds were installed in all doors of gym, locker rooms completed, valve was installed in furnace room to control furnace temperature, the apron in front of the pool and gym entrance and area between gym and Post Office was asphalted, and the locker rooms painted. Basketball backboards were donated and installed. The Junior Sports League donated folding bleachers for the gym. The Center purchased tables for the gym and the Sugah River Snowmobile Club donated 100 chairs.

INDOOR POOL

The Indoor Pool was the site for the Spring and Summer Learn to Swim Program, Scuba Diving Lessons, Mom and Tot Swim, Swim Team practice and Swim & Stay Trim Classes for women. The pool was also used by many outside groups. These groups include K.O.A., Bellows Falls Special Ed, Charlestown Swim Team, Springfield Swim Team, Special Ed Classes, Rehab Center, Green Mountain Union High School, Counseling Center, Cornish School, Steven High, Steven Annex, Newport Special Ed Class, Kimball Union Academy, Jehovah Witnesses, and the Claremont Girl Scout Day Camp.

Improvements that were made include the following; new lights installed, window repaired and glass blocks installed, new lights installed in boys and girls locker rooms, the locker rooms were painted and new lockers were installed.

PLAYGROUNDS

The Playgrounds opened their season the last of June and ran for a period of ten weeks with two supervisosrs at each playground. Craft sessions were held on each playground with materials supplied by the department. There are three playgrounds available to the City youngsters from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contests and games were run weekly as well as special events such as Spook Day, Hobo Day, Mexican Day, a trip to Sunapee State Beach, Wallis Sands and Mountain Park Amusement Area. Supervised playgrounds are at Barnes Park and Moody Park.

ARROWHEAD

Some of the programs conducted at Arrowhead after the snow season were Girl Scouts Day Camp, Council of Senior Citizens and the Claremont Jr. High for their field day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

For the Fourth of July Celebration, the Department conducted children games and conducted the fireworks display. The Little Red Wagon was also contracted to perform for this occassion.

The annual Twin State Valley Basketball Tournament was held for all ages with teams from all over the area participating.

In August the annual Twin State Valley Baseball Tournament was held for boys and girls (ages 8-12) at Monadnock Park and for ages 13-15 at Barnes Park under the lights.

The Twin State Valley Modified Pitch Softball Tournament was held at the softball field at the Outdoor Pool.

A City Tennis Tournament was held in all catagories.

The staff conducted the Pitch, Hit & Run Competition sponsored by Dan's Shoes and Tom McCan. The staff also conducted the K-9 Catch and Fetch, both State and Local, and the City Skate Board Championships.

The department had a weekly series of band concerts conducted by the American Band during the summer months in Broad Street Park.

A tent show was put on by a Luthern Organization. The Jaycees used Monadnock Park to conduct the Junior Olympics, Antique Car Show and a Donkey Baseball Game.

Monadnock Park was also used by General Stark and his group of approximately 250 people as a stopover. They used the park for an overnight stay. The group also gave a demonstration and marched through the City. This group was reenacting the march to Bennington, Vermont.

The department has served many individuals and organizations through the loan of equipment and counselling groups in their programs.

The department is always open to suggestions and constructive criticism concerning the way in which the youth and adults may better be served. Members of the staff are dedicated to improvements and providing increased programs for leisure time activities for the citizens of Claremont.

Anthony N. Zotto, Supt.
Recreation and Parks
Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This report summarizes the Claremont Police Department Activities and accomplishments during the Year 1977. It is an impressive record of achievement.

The Year 1977 has been one of progress in the Claremont Police Department. Many improvements have transpired and more will be forthcoming.

Realizing that crime and criminals are continually becoming more sophisticated, this department is utilizing every administrative and technological resource at its disposal in order to more effectively meet its responsibility to the people of the City of Claremont.

We pledge to coordinate our efforts to meet the special needs and conditions that exist in our community. We recognize that the public needs information regarding crime, arrest, and property loss so that they can properly evaluate the criminal justice system. This information contributes to the communities knowledge and understanding of the police role, and it is therefore worthwhile.

Faced with increased responsibilities in nearly every area under its jurisdiction, the Claremont Police Department faced this challenge and will continue to do so in the future.

Crimes as classified by the FBI and reported to State Police Headquarters, Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Concord, New Hampshire for consolidation and forwarding to the FBI each month give an indication of some of the work of your Police Department. The incidents that are reportable are Part I Offenses. In the City of Claremont, the police department investigated the following services in calendar year 1977:

PART I OFFENSES	TOTAL REPORTED 1976 - 1977		INCREASE/DECREASE 1976 - 1977		TOTAL CLEARED 1976 - 1977	
0100-Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
0200-Rape	0	1	-1	+1	0	1
0300-Robbery	4	4	0	0	1	3
0400-Aggravated Assault	10	20	-10	+10	9	15
0800-Simple Assault	71	83	0	+12	67	83
0400-Burglary	171	140	+31	-31	53	41
0600-Larceny-Theift	444	404	+40	-40	145	158
0700-Auto Theft	11	25	0	+14	4	11

The 1976 Reportable Offenses Totaled 711. The 1976 Clearances totaled 279 or 39.2%. 1977 Reportable Offenses totaled 677. 1977 Clearances totaled 312 or 46%. There was a decrease of 34 reportable offenses in 1977 compared to that of 1976.

Part II Offenses reported monthly to State Police Headquarters, Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Concord, New Hampshire, for consolidation and forwarding to the FBI each month consists only of the number of arrests of Adults and Juveniles. In 1976 there was a total of 528 arrests (514 Adults and 14 Juveniles). Of the Part II Crimes, 340 adults were found guilty of the offense as charged, 3 were found guilty of a lesser offense and 128 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed. The 14 Juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction. At the conclusion of 1976, 43 Adults were still pending court action for Part II Offenses.

Part II Offenses for 1977 there was a total of 519 arrests (398 Adults and 121 Juveniles). Of the Part II Crimes, 374 Adults were found guilty of the offense as charged, 7 were found guilty of a lesser offense and 17 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed. Of the 121 Junveiles, 105 were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction with 16 juveniles being handled within the department and dismissed.

Overall arrests for Part I and Part II Offenses in 1976 totaled 660 (602 Adults and 58 Juveniles). Of this grand total figure in 1976 which is 660, 395 Adults were found guilty of the offense as charged, 8 were found guilty of a lesser offense. 143 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed. 56 were still pending court action at the end of 1976. The 58 Juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction.

Overall arrests for Part I and Part II Offenses in 1977 totaled 602 (Adults and Juveniles together), of this grand total figure in 1977 which is 602, 374 adults were found guilty of the offense as charged, 7 were found guilty of a lesser offense. 17 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed. 52 were still pending court action at the end of 1977. Of the 142 Juveniles, 105 were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and 37 were handled within the department and dismissed.

In 1976, there was a total of 603 traffic summons issued compared to 370 for 1977.

Accidents in 1976 totaled 646 of which there was 80 personal injuries and 3 fatals. In 1977, there was a total of 700 accidents of which there was 73 personal accidents investigated with a total of 96 people being injured. There were two fatal accidents. In May 1976, a more detailed and accurate records system was maintained of all accidents investigated by Claremont Police. This involved

not only keeping a record of reportable accidents to the Motor Vehicle Department in Corcord, but also a record on non-reportable accidents as well. This more up-to-date accountability of accidents accounts for the increasing number of 1977 accidents compared to that of 1976.

Service to other law endorcement agencies totaled 472 for the year 1976. 1977 totaled 468. This service included record keeping of those arrested and keeping the other law endorcement agencies advised of court action taken and hearings on their arrests.

Other services which the police department were called on to perform during calendar year 1977, included: 180 businesses found by the police with their doors unlocked; 211 messages delivered upon request; 433 escorts; 87 emergency blood relays; 803 NAWAS tests or warnings of heavy snow or dangerous electrical storms; 2,168 teletype messages sent to State Police or Motor Vehicle Department in Concord, New Hampshire or to other various police departments throughout the United States requesting information or reporting stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing persons, etc. In addition teletype was utilized by Claremont Police Dispatchers in requesting information for other outside law enforcement agencies or State Police (NHSP) operating in Sullivan County.

From January 1, 1977, thru December 31, 1977, there was 205,884 radio transmissions of which 183,566 were local transmissions and 22,318 transmissions being on the County Frequency to other police departments, State Police and State Police Headquarters. 9,587 complaints were received for calendar year 1977.

The City of Claremont provides facilities for holding prisoners pending bail or on a short term basis, usually overnight.

In our mission to protect the life and property of our citizens, to arrest and detain violators of the law, and to serve the citizens of our community the patrol vehicle is our main tool. During calendar year 1977, the Claremont Police Department traveled over 282,774 miles on our 137.07 miles of highway in four marked cruisers and one un-marked cruiser.

1976 there was a total of $92,507.31 worth of articles or currency stolen with $28,313.13 of this value being recovered. 1977 $101,594.00 worth of articles or currency was stolen with $42,553.00 of this value being recovered.

The Department has an obligation to provide professional standards of Law Enforcement Service to the community. In fulfilling that

responsibility, it is essential that department personnel be properly trained. This is true not only at the entrance level but it is also true at other levels. It is a continuous process throughout their careers. Officers and Civilians on the Claremont Police Force, in this calendar year 1977 have attended the following schools: St. Anselm's College, New Hampshire State Police Academy, Drug Schools, Breathalyzer School, FBI Firearms School, Basic Fingerprinting School, Training Sessions at New Hampshire Vocational Technical College, In-Service Training Refresher Courses.

The message that the Police Department desires to give to all the citizens in our City is that we are here to serve you and will continue to serve you in the future.

Joseph Devine
Chief of Police

POLICE COMMISSION

A review of the annual report as submitted by Chief of Police, Joseph R. Devine indicates that once again the request from within the City for police service has increased.

The Police Commission, City Manager and City Council with the adoption of the reorganization plan for the police department hopes that the department will be better able to meet these increases.

Along with the reorganizational plan the commission has increased in-service training for the department, understanding that a well trained department is an efficient department.

Joseph St. Pierre
Chairman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

17 FULL TIME PERSONNEL 32 CALL PERSONNEL

The following is a report of the activities of the Claremont Fire Department for the year 1977.

ADMINISTRATION

On March 4th, 1977, acting Chief Milton Haugsrud retired after serving the City faithfully for 29 years.

On March 7th, 1977, William H. Sullivan of Hampton, N. H. was appointed Chief of the department, the first time in the history of the Fire Department that a person outside of the City of Claremont was appointed to that office.

Captain Stanley Demars retired from the Ladder Company with 24 years service and Fire Alarm Supt. Harry Ryan retired in July with 20 years service.

Following competitive examinations Richard Bergeron and James Litevich were appointed to full vacancies in the permanent Firefighter ranks.

A reorganization plan was presented to the City Council in June and after approval by that body, Captains Richard George, Philadore Granger and Charles Fletcher were appointed Assistant Fire Chiefs. Firefighters Raymond Blais, Michael Monetta and Victor Bergeron were appointed to the rank of Fire Lieutenant following competitive examinations. Michael Andosca was appointed to the position of Fire Prevention Officer and the rank of Deputy Fire Chief was abolished.

Each of the Three platoons within the department now consists of an assistant Fire Chief as the Shift Commander, a Fire Lieutenant to act in the absence of the Shift Commander and three firefighters.

The Call Department was brought up to its authorized strength of 32 and Lieutenant Normand Bergeron was promoted to the rank of Captain of the Ladder Company.

FIRE PREVENTION

A total of 166 Inspections, 52 Public Education contacts and 10 Fire Investigations were handled by the Fire Prevention Bureau following the reorganization and appointment of the Fire Prevention Officer.

Schooled fire drills were conducted throughout the year and all schools were through ly inspected prior to the September opening.

An intense campaign on the subject of Home Fire Detection was conducted through Church and Civic Groups in the attempt to impress upon people the importance of having smoke detectors in their homes.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

The department responded to a total of 459 calls during the year 1977. Due to a change in the record keeping system, this was an actual increse of 67 responses over the previous year.

Without a doubt, the most serious and threatening fire of the year was the fire which destroyed the Magnet Theatre Block on Sullivan Street and Main on March 23rd. Fire departments from eight surrounding towns assisted us in containing this fire to the block of origin in the middle of a severe March snowstorm.

The largest dollar loss due to fire occurred on September 26th at the SaintMary's Gym on Main Street. This fire gained national focus due to the cause being determined as improper installation of insulation material.

The City suffered its first fatal fire in several years on July 9th at 128 Charlestown Road.

A summary of alarms follows:

Total alarms	459
Box alrms	43
Still alarms	416
Working fires	7
Multiple alarms	3
Mutual aid received	5
Mutual aid sent out of town	15

Alarms were received by way of:

Fire alarm box	35
Radio	4
Telephone	360
Police Department	24
Verbal	20
Automatic	16

Alarms were answered for:

Building fires.....53	Motor vehicles.....34
Brush & grass.....31	False Alarms.....19
Fuel spill.....32	Sanitary landfill.....9
Chimmney.....30	Outside rubbish.....23
Highway accident.....25	Medical aid.....6
Public assistance.....51	Smoke investigation.....8
Electrical problem.....30	Gas leak.....11
Heating applicance.....15	Sprinkler trouble.....7
Lightning strike.....4	Household appliance....11

Miscellaneous.....45

The department dispatched a total of 549 pieces of apparatus to incidents during the year 1977.

The fire loss for the year amounted to $361,486.89. The total value of property saved by the department during the year is estimated to be $395,000.00.

FIRE TRAINING

Another fruitful year for the training division resulted in 2673 man hours of training received by members of the department. Programs ranging from arson detection to basic firefighting methods were conducted by department personnel, members of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the N. H. Vo-Tech schools.

A program of pre-fire planning was instituted. This involves firefighter personnel surveying buildings within the community and charting their hazards, building features, exitways, utility shut-offs etc., which would be usefull should the building suffer a fire.

MUNICIAPL FIRE ALARM

The entire system of 100 fire alarm boxes was re-timed to allow for alarms to register in fire headqauartes 300% faster and effect a quicker response of the department.

The audible horn remains silent, heard only in the event of a working fire or multiple alarm.

APPARATUS FLEET

Snorkle one, the eleven year old primary aerial piece of apparatus was checked by a factory representative and found to be unsafe. Major repairs are planned for in 1978.

A 1500 gallon tanker was built by department members on a surplus military chassis. Our ability to contain a fire in the outlying areas has increased 100% with this tanker.

A forest fire truck was also built by department members on a surplus military chassis. Both of these vehicles cost the community a total of $1,500.00 to acquire and retrofit.

The apparatus fleet is aging and becoming increasingly less cost effective to operate. The average age of vehicles in the Fire Department is twenty years and a replacement program is badly needed.

SUMMARY

The Fire Protection System of any community belongs to the cit-itzens of that community and they must never hesitate to call upon it for emergency services. By the same token, the prime function of an organized Fire Department is to prevent fire from occuring. This responsibility also belongs to the members of the community. We must all be fire safe and make every effort to insure that our lives and property will not become part of a national statistic dealing with fire losses.

Respectfully submitted

William H. Sullivan
Chief of Department

CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD

The year 1977 was another busy and interesting year for the Claremont Planning Board. The work load for subdivisions and site plans remained about the same as the 1976 with thirty-five (35) subdivisions and eleven (11) site plans being reviewed. Included in the subdivisions and site plans being reviewed were Claremont Paper Company (120' x 100' metal building); LaCasse Park Urban Renewal Project/Berkshire Builders (minor subdivision and site plan for "Housing for the Elderly"), Claremont Glass Company (60' x 30' building) Burger Village/Smalley's Mini Mart (8' x 48' addition); C & S Grocers (35'8" x 55' warehouse); Holson Company/Trapper Brown Corporation (120' x 180' pre-engineered metal building for a small printing shop); Richard McCusker/Congress of Claremont Senior Citizens (minor subdivision); Normand Beaudry/Ledgewood Development (41-lot major subdivision); Healy Corporation (shopping center); and Harry Shepard/Browning Ferris Industries (165' x 60' building for paper recycling).

The membership of the Planning Board during the past year included Donald Clarke-Chairman, Donald Hayes, Richard Wahrlich, Mrs. Honorine Bourdon, Dr. Leo Abbott, and Paul Ferland. Alternates were Mrs. Pauline Rousseau, Bernard Rouillard, and Tony Usko. The City Council has representatives who alternated as agents to the Board Who were Alton Desnoyer, Frank D'Amante, and Frank Lewko. Also, Jerry L. Maxwell-City Manager, C. Jonathan Manning-City Engineer and Marie Moore-Secretary.

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August 4, 1978

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Claremont
New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds, as indexed, of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire at December 31, 1977. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The City presently does not maintain a record of all its general fixed assets, and accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets required by generally accepted accounting principles is not included in its financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements, listed in the index to this report, present fairly the financial position of such funds and the results of operations of such funds for the year ended December 31, 1977, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination also included the supplemental schedules of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire as indexed. In our opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material aspects the information shown therein.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Connors

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Certified Public Accountant
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Exhibit A

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Governmental Type Funds		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Assets			
Cash and Temporary Investments	$1,278,698	$ 109,867	$ 9,855
Accounts Receivable	30,767	39,858	
Taxes Receivable	864,977		
Inventories			
Investments			
Due from Other Funds	14,973		
Property by Tax Deed	2,566		
Prepaid Expenses	9,590		
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt			
Total Assets	$2,201,571	$ 149,725	$ 9,855
Liabilities and Fund Equity			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$	$ 16,326	$
Due to Other Funds	1,911,744	22,915	
State and Federal Anticipation Note			
Other Liabilities		7,970	
General Long-Term Debt Payable			
Total Liabilities	1,911,744	47,211	-
Fund Equity			
Contributed Capital			
Retained Earnings - Unreserved			
Fund Balance:			
Reserved for Specific Purposes		49,173	
Reserved for Special Appropriations	11,900		
Unreserved:			
Designated for Specific Capital Projects			9,855
Designated by Trust Instruments			
Undesignated	277,927	52,341	
Total Fund Equity	289,827	102,514	9,855
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$2,201,571	$ 149,725	$ 9,855

The Notes to Financial Statements are

Exhibit A

Proprietary Type Funds	Fiduciary Type Funds		Account Groups
Enterprise	Trust	Agency	General Long-Term Debt
$ 239,038	$ 474,672	$	$
8,398			
50,729			
	1,250,239		
1,373		1,911,744	
3,557,043			
			895,400
$3,856,581	$1,724,911	$1,911,744	$ 895,400
$ 41,339	$	$1,911,744	$
50,373			
675,000			
11,848			
778,560	-	1,911,744	895,400
			895,400
1,661,981			
1,416,040			
	1,637,400		
	87,511		
3,078,021	1,724,911	-	-
$3,856,581	$1,724,911	$1,911,744	$ 895,400

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Exhibit B

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND FIDUCIARY TYPE FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Governmental	
	General	Special Revenue
Sources of Financial Resources		
Revenues		
Taxes	$4,744,452	$
Licenses and Permits	251,890	
Intergovernmental Revenues	911,978	454,604
Charges for Services	86,909	2,869
Fines and Forfeits		131,336
Rents and Royalties	1,954	
Interest	45,564	6,622
Miscellaneous Revenues	43,513	22,915
Total Revenues	6,086,260	618,346
Other Sources		
Transfers from Governmental Type Funds	233,693	
Transfers from Enterprise Funds		
Total Sources of Financial Resources	6,319,953	618,346
Uses of Financial Resources		
Expenditures		
Current:		
General Government	657,786	355,764
Public Safety	713,145	
Highways and Streets	607,715	
Health and Welfare	170,083	
Culture and Recreation	162,547	
Education		
Library	85,005	
Capital Outlay		
Debt Service:		
Principal		
Interest		
Total Expenditures	2,396,281	355,764
Other Uses		
Transfers to Other Funds	3,803,552	233,693
Total Uses of Financial Resources	6,199,833	589,457
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	120,120	28,889
Fund Balance, January 1	157,807	73,625
Fund Balance, December 31	$ 277,927	$ 102,514

The Notes to Financial Statements are

Type Funds		Fiduciary Type Funds	
Debt Service	Capital Projects	Agency Fund	Expendable Trust Funds
$	$	$ 1,892	$
	472,000		
	472,000	1,892	
104,047		3,699,505	
49,000			126,238
153,047	472,000	3,701,397	126,238
		309,831	31,948
			38,608
			281
		3,391,566	44,755
			855
	462,145		
115,200			
37,847			
153,047	462,145	3,701,397	116,447
153,047	462,145	3,701,397	116,447
	9,855		9,791
			77,720
$ -	$ 9,855	$ -	$ 87,511

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Exhibit C

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE TYPE FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Sources of Financial Resources			
Revenues			
Taxes	$4,533,509	$4,744,452	$ 210,943
Licenses and Permits	200,085	251,890	51,805
Intergovernmental Revenues	897,287	911,978	14,691
Charges for Services	93,900	86,909	(6,991)
Fines and Forfeits			
Rents and Royalties	2,200	1,954	(246)
Interest	40,000	45,564	5,564
Miscellaneous Revenues	205,145	43,513	(161,632)
Total Revenues	5,972,126	6,086,260	114,134
Other Sources			
Transfers from Special Revenue	228,000	233,693	5,693
Total Sources of Financial Resources	$6,200,126	6,319,953	119,827
Use of Financial Resources			
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government	$ 655,164	657,786	2,622
Public Safety	709,545	713,145	3,600
Highways and Streets	628,114	607,715	(20,399)
Health and Welfare	159,974	170,083	10,109
Culture and Recreation	158,338	162,547	4,209
Library	85,579	85,005	(574)
Total Expenditures	2,396,714	2,396,281	(433)
Other Uses			
Transfers to Debt Service Fund	103,908	104,047	139
Transfer to Agency Fund	3,699,504	3,699,505	1
Transfers to General Fund			
Total Uses of Financial Resources	$6,200,126	6,199,833	(293)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance		120,120	120,120
Fund Balance, January 1		157,807	157,807
Fund Balance, December 31		$ 277,927	$ 277,927

The Notes to Financial Statements are

Special Revenue Funds		
Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
$	$	$
416,000	454,604	38,604
	2,869	2,869
32,500	131,336	98,836
	6,622	6,622
	22,915	22,915
448,500	618,346	169,846
$ 448,500	618,346	169,846
$ 220,500	355,764	135,264
220,500	355,764	135,264
228,000	233,693	5,693
$ 448,500	589,457	140,957
	28,889	28,889
	73,625	73,625
	$ 102,514	$ 102,514

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Exhibit D

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Balance January 1, 1977	General Obligation Bond Issued	General Obligation Bonds Retired	Long-Term Notes Retired	Total Retirements	Balance December 31, 1977
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt	$1,010,600	$ -	$ 95,000	$ 20,200	$ 115,200	$ 895,400
Long-Term Notes Payable	$ 60,600	$	$	$ 20,200	$ 20,200	$ 40,400
General Obligation Debt Payable						
4.25% Municipal Bond 10/1/66	163,211		16,000		16,000	147,211
4.85% Urban Renewal 2/1/74	135,000		15,000		15,000	120,000
5.70% Coy Bridge 6/1/74	160,000		15,000		15,000	145,000
4.25% Water 10/1/66	236,789		24,000		24,000	212,789
4.20% Water 10/1/67	255,000		25,000		25,000	230,000
Total Long-Term Debt Payable	$1,010,600	$ -	$ 95,000	$ 20,200	$ 115,200	$ 895,400

The Notes to Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

Exhibit E

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL PROPRIETARY AND NON EXPENDABLE TRUST TYPE FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS OR FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Proprietary Type Funds			Fiduciary Type Fund
	Enterprise Funds			
	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total	Nonexpendable Trusts
Revenues				
Charges for Services	$ 228,511	$ 88,863	$ 317,374	$
Contributions				788
Interest and Dividends	8,285	7,665	15,950	133,301
Rentals	2,640		2,640	
Miscellaneous	756		756	
Total Revenues	240,192	96,528	336,720	134,089
Expenses				
Personal Services	34,408	44,574	78,982	
Utilities	4,337	3,477	7,814	
Supplies	6,894	2,936	9,830	
Shop and Garage Expenses	13,875	4,004	17,879	
Insurance	22,099	15,828	37,927	
Repairs and Maintenance	27,555	19,342	46,897	
Rent				
Interest	20,514	15,211	35,725	
Depreciation	45,684	15,758	61,442	
Other	2,677	140	2,817	
Transfers to Expendable Trusts				126,238
Total Expenses	178,043	121,270	299,313	126,238
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Equity	62,149	(24,742)	37,407	7,851
Retained Earnings, January 1	1,251,346	127,287	1,378,633	
Retained Earnings, December 31	$1,313,495	$ 102,545	$1,416,040	
Fund Balance, January 1				1,629,549
Fund Balance, December 31				$1,637,400

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Exhibit F

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Proprietary Type Funds			Fiduciary
	Enterprise Funds			
	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total	Nonexpendable Trust
Sources of Financial Resources:				
Operations:				
Net Increase or (Decrease) in Retained Earnings or Fund Balance	$ 62,149	$ (24,742)	$ 37,407	$ 7,851
Depreciation, A Non-Cash Item	45,684	15,758	61,442	
Total Financial Resources (Deficit) from Operations	107,833	(8,984)	98,849	7,851
Contributed Capital	933	52,255	53,188	
Note in Anticipation of Federal Grant		675,000	675,000	
Total Sources of Financial Resources	108,766	718,271	827,037	7,851
Uses of Financial Resources:				
Acquisitions of Fixed Assets	31,656	691,361	723,017	
Transferred to Debt Service for Payment of Debt	49,000		49,000	
Total Uses of Financial Resources	80,656	691,361	772,017	
Increase in Working Capital	$ 28,110	$ 26,910	$ 55,020	$ 7,851
Componet Elements of Net Increase in Working Capital				
Cash	$ 26,591	$ 27,872	$ 54,463	$
Investments				7,851
Accounts Receivable	2,813	(242)	2,571	
Advance to Sewer Department	(3,627)	3,627		
Inventories (Cost)	(1,579)	772	(807)	
Accounts Payable	3,395	(37,635)	(34,240)	
Accrued Interest	517	(6,884)	(6,367)	
Note Payable, Bank		39,400	39,400	
Net Increase in Working Capital	$ 28,110	$ 26,910	$ 55,020	$ 7,851

The Notes to Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies.

Bases of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for all Governmental Type Funds (general, special revenue, debt service, capital projects and special assessment funds) and Expendable Trust Funds.

The accrual basis of accounting is used for all Proprietary Type Funds (enterprise and internal service funds).

The Non-Expendable Trust Funds are handled on a cash basis and not on the accrual basis which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Fair market value at December 31, 1977, amounted to $2,296,622.

Inventories

Inventory held by the Water and Sewer Departments is priced at cost. All other funds do not recognize inventories which are expensed as purchased.

General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the general fund, capital projects fund, etc., at time of purchase. Depreciation has been provided on Proprietary Type Fund fixed assets.

Water and Sewer Plant and Equipment

Water and Sewer Plant and Equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method with useful lives as follows:

Structures	25 to 75 Years
Distribution Facilities	25 to 100 Years
Other Equipment	5 to 20 Years

Water and Sewer Plant and Equipment (Continued)

Total cost and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 1977 is as follows:

Item	Water	Sewer	Total
Land, Structures and Plants	$ 98,114	$ 485,676	$ 583,790
Reservoir	1,190,194	-	1,190,194
Distribution Mains	1,414,855	946,158	2,361,013
Services	151,894	42,494	194,388
Equipment	66,353	28,223	94,576
Sewer Survey	-	143,262	143,262
Transmission Mains	96,106	-	96,106
Hydrants	57,011	-	57,011
Meters	79,488	-	79,488
Total	3,154,015	1,645,813	4,799,828
Less Accumulated Depreciation	861,049	381,736	1,242,785
Net Depreciated Value	$2,292,966	$1,264,077	$3,557,043

Bond Indebtedness

All bonded debt is recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Accounts including $442,789 of Water Department bonds. It is the City's full intention to retire these bonds from revenues of the Water Department. However, the bonds bear the full faith and credit of taxpayers of the Town and, accordingly, are included in the General Obligation bonds regularly serviced through the Debt Service Fund, which derives its revenues from transfers from the General and Water Funds.

Appropriation Carry-Overs

Appropriations carried forward of the General and Special Revenue Funds to the subsequent fiscal year are recorded in these financial statements as expenditures in the year in which the liability is incurred.

Any prepayments of property taxes or other revenues collected in advance of the fiscal year to which they apply are recorded as deferred revenues and are recognized as revenue in the period in which they apply.

Federal and State Reimbursement Note -- Waste Water Improvement

The 675,000 of federal and state reimbursement anticipation note of the Sewer Fund bears interest at the rate of 4.25% per annum and will be renewed until receipt of federal aid is received for their retirement.

Future Debt Retirement

The debt service requirements of the City's outstanding bonds at December 31, 1977 are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1978	110,200	40,904	151,104
1979	110,200	35,988	146,188
1980	90,000	30,646	120,646
1981	90,000	26,554	116,554
1982	90,000	22,461	112,461
Subtotal	490,400	156,553	646,953
1983 and after	405,000	51,684	456,684
Total	895,400	208,237	1,103,637

Accumulated Unused Employee Benefits

Accumulated unused vacation and sick leave at the end of the fiscal year is quite small and does not exceed a normal year's accumulation.

Pension Funds

The City provides for pension benefits to substantially all employees through a contributory retirement system under New Hampshire law. The law prescribes the formula for computing retirement allowances and presently does not permit advance funding of pension liabilities. Retirement allowances are paid from City funding and employee contributions, based on age and date of entry. Employee contributions constitute an annuity savings fund from which a portion of the retirement allowances is paid. Pension expense for the year totaled $51,474 determined on an actuarial basis. The unfunded past service liability of the entire retirement system was approximately 19 million dollars (approximately 17 million dollars state liability) and is being amortized over a twenty year period terminating in 1993. The value of vested benefits has not been determined.

Commitments for New Construction (City Hall Renovations)

The City has received an EDA grant in the amount of $1,950,239 for a three phase construction project providing for a new police court facility, to replace criminal justice condemned facilities, a major city hall building renovation and total renovation of existing condemned space to provide a community civic center. Over runs of the project, expected to be $100,000, will be absorbed by the City of Claremont.

Litigation

At the present time, there is one tax abatement suit against the City. There are no other cases or potential suits pending that the City Solicitor has knowledge of. No material affect to the financial condition of the City is foreseen in the above case.

Schedule 1

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
DETAILS OF REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

TAXES	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Property Tax	$4,410,960	$4,622,262	$ 211,302
Resident Tax	81,390	79,270	(2,120)
Interest on Taxes	27,000	29,332	2,332
Timber Yield Tax	9,459	9,459	-
National Bank Stock Tax	2,700	2,705	5
Resident Tax Penalties	2,000	1,424	(576)
Totals	$4,533,509	$4,744,452	$ 210,943
LICENSES AND PERMITS	$ 200,085	$ 251,890	$ 51,805
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Business Profits Tax	$ 634,260	$ 634,262	$ 2
Rooms and Meals Tax	102,893	120,201	17,308
Block Grant Gas Tax	67,317	67,317	-
Interest and Dividends Tax	55,365	55,365	-
Savings Bank Tax	31,032	31,032	-
Town Road Aid	5,000	1,939	(3,061)
Railroad Tax	820	820	-
Old Age Assistance	500	1,042	542
Forest Fire Aid	100	-	(100)
Totals	$ 897,287	$ 911,978	$ 14,691
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Parking Violations	$ 4,500	$ 4,002	$ (498)
Police	28,900	23,862	(5,038)
Highway	24,750	13,019	(11,731)
Water and Sewer	11,500	11,500	-
Cemetery	11,200	11,178	(22)
Welfare	7,000	16,545	9,545
Airport	4,950	4,971	21
Parks	1,100	1,832	732
Totals	$ 93,900	$ 86,909	$ (6,991)

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
DETAILS OF REVENUE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	$ 165,145	$ 5,079	$ (160,066)
Parking Meters	19,000	15,968	(3,032)
Cemetery Trust Fund	11,000	11,518	518
Other Revenues	10,000	10,948	948
Totals	$ 205,145	$ 43,513	$ (161,632)
RENTS AND ROYALTIES	$ 2,200	$ 1,954	$ (246)
INTEREST	$ 40,000	$ 45,564	$ 5,564
Total General Fund Revenues	$5,972,126	$6,086,260	$ 114,134

Schedule 2

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Administration	$ 203,896	$ 206,580	$ 2,684
General Services	56,717	75,356	18,639
Municipal Complex	29,945	34,927	4,982
District Court	28,350	29,904	1,554
Policy	4,561	4,086	(475)
Planning and Zoning	2,850	2,109	(741)
Elections and Registrations	2,350	1,984	(366)
Federal Shared Revenues	179,800	179,800	-
Cemetery Department	50,326	53,731	3,405
Airport	11,850	11,215	(635)
Tax Abatements	24,519	15,662	(8,857)
Interest on Temporary Loans	60,000	42,432	(17,568)
Totals	$ 655,164	$ 657,786	$ 2,622
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	$ 440,863	$ 443,926	$ 3,063
Fire Department	267,620	268,118	498
Civilian Defense	1,062	1,101	39
Totals	$ 709,545	$ 713,145	$ 3,600
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
Streets and Roads	$ 464,124	$ 493,495	$ 29,371
Bridges and Drainage	88,210	39,812	(48,398)
Equipment Maintenance	75,780	74,408	(1,372)
Totals	$ 628,114	$ 607,715	$ (20,399)
HEALTH AND WELFARE			
Welfare Department	$ 104,555	$ 98,279	$ (6,276)
Health Department	35,318	34,694	(624)
Sanitary Landfill	20,101	37,110	17,009
Totals	$ 159,974	$ 170,083	$ 10,109

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CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

ULTURE AND RECREATION	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
arks and Recreation	$ 81,082	$ 85,291	$ 4,209
oodwin Community Center	77,256	77,256	-
Totals	$ 158,338	$ 162,547	$ 4,209
IBRARY	$ 85,579	$ 85,005	$ (574)
otal General Fund Expenditures	$2,396,714	$2,396,281	$ (433)

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1977

Schedule 3

	Federal Revenue Sharing	Anti Recession Funds	Community Development Block Grants	Special Parking Meter Fund	District Court	Other	Total
Assets							
Cash	$ 26,984	$	$ 17,851	$ 21,371	$ 3,397	$ 40,264	$109,867
Accounts Receivable					24,885	14,973	39,858
Total Assets	$ 26,984	$ -	$ 17,851	$ 21,371	$ 28,282	$ 55,237	$149,725
Liabilities and Fund Balance							
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	$	$	$	$	$ 16,326	$	$ 16,326
Bail Escrow					7,970		7,970
Interfund Payables			7,942			14,973	22,915
Total Liabilities			7,942		24,296	14,973	47,211
Fund Balance							
Reserved			9,909			40,264	49,173
Unreserved	26,984			21,371	3,986		52,341
Total Fund Balance	26,984		9,909	21,371	3,986	40,264	102,514
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 26,984	$ -	$ 17,851	$ 21,371	$ 28,282	$ 55,237	$149,725

Schedule 4

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Federal Revenue Sharing	Anti Recession Funds	Community Development Block Grants	Special Parking Meter Fund	District Court	Other	Total
Sources of Financial Resources							
Revenues							
Intergovernmental Revenues	$186,156	$ 5,090	$216,000	$	$	$ 47,358	$454,604
Fines and Forfeitures					131,336		131,336
Charges for Services				2,869			2,869
Interest	4,157	110	11	980		1,364	6,622
Donations						1,915	1,915
Other						21,000	21,000
Total Revenues	190,313	5,200	216,011	3,849	131,336	71,637	618,346
Uses of Financial Resources							
Expenditures							
General Expenditures	6,684		207,609		93,657	47,358	355,308
Property Tax				456			456
Total Expenditures	6,684		207,609	456	93,657	47,358	355,764
Other Uses							
Transfers to General Fund	194,800	5,200			33,693		233,693
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	201,484	5,200	207,609	456	127,350	47,358	589,457
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(11,171)		8,402	3,393	3,986	24,279	28,889
Fund Balance, January 1	38,155		1,507	17,978		15,985	73,625
Fund Balance, December 31	$ 26,984	$ -	$ 9,909	$ 21,371	$ 3,986	$ 40,264	$102,514

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
AGENCY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	County Tax	School District Tax	Timber Tax Due State	Total
Fund Balance, January 1	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Revenues				
State Portion of Timber Tax	-	-	1,892	1,892
Transfers from General Fund	307,939	3,391,566	-	3,699,505
Total Revenues	307,939	3,391,566	1,892	3,701,397
Expenditures				
County Tax	307,939	-	-	307,939
School District Tax	-	3,391,566	-	3,391,566
State Timber Tax	-	-	1,892	1,892
Totals	307,939	3,391,566	1,892	3,701,397
FUND BALANCE, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

Schedule 6

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS	Cemetery Funds	Consolidated Funds	Elks Educational Fund	Miscellaneous Funds	Total Trust Funds	Market Value of Assets
Cash - Checking Accounts	$ 352	$ 7,280	$ -	$ 158	$ 7,790	$ 7,790
Cash - Savings Accounts	190,243	244,168	6,144	5,360	445,915	445,915
Cash - Certificates	-	-	20,967	-	20,967	20,967
Investments	147,920	1,013,800	88,519	-	1,250,239	1,821,950
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 338,515	$1,265,248	$ 115,630	$ 5,518	$1,724,911	$2,296,622
FUND BALANCE						
Reserved	$ 329,445	$1,248,448	$ 59,507	$ -	$1,637,400	
Unreserved	9,070	16,800	56,123	5,518	87,511	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	$ 338,515	$1,265,248	$ 115,630	$ 5,518	$1,724,911	

Schedule 7

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN RESERVED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Balance January 1, 1977	Donations and Contributions	Income Transferred to Principal	Balance December 31, 1977
Cemetery Funds	$ 320,045	$ 9,400	$ -	$ 329,445
Consolidated Funds	1,190,297	50,300	7,851	1,248,448
Elks Educational Fund	59,507	-	-	59,507
TOTALS	$1,569,849	$ 59,700	$ 7,851	
Balance, December 31, 1977				$1,637,400

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALL TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Total	Cemetery Funds	Consolidated Funds	Elks Educational Fund	Miscellaneous Funds
Balance, January 1, 1977	$ 77,720	$ 8,646	$ 14,562	$ 49,394	$ 5,118
Additions					
Interest and Dividends	133,301	22,412	102,924	7,729	236
Donations and Contributions	788	-	-	-	788
Total Income Available	211,809	31,058	117,486	57,123	6,142
Deductions					
Expended During Year	$ 116,447	$ 21,988	$ 92,835	$ 1,000	$ 624
Transferred to Principal	7,851	-	7,851	-	-
Total Deductions	124,298	21,988	100,686	1,000	624
Balance, December 31, 1977	$ 87,511	$ 9,070	$ 16,800	$ 56,123	$ 5,518

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FRANCES J. TOLLES HOME
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

BALANCE, January 1, 1977			$107,664
Receipts			
Income from Trusts*	$ 36,018		
Rent, Lewis Annex	4,140		
Income from Board and Room	4,622		
Interest on Savings Account	6,573		
Miscellaneous	996		
Total Receipts		$ 52,349	
Disbursements			
Salaries and Wages	13,029		
Provisions	4,118		
Fuel	3,099		
Water and Sewer	234		
Electricity	1,376		
Outside Lights	368		
Supplies and Furnishings	1,862		
Repairs and Improvements	1,251		
Insurance	2,690		
Telephone	323		
Social Security	854		
Miscellaneous	1,550		
Lewis Annex	4,004		
Jones Property Expense	5,640		
Total Disbursements		40,398	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements for 1977			11,951
BALANCE, December 31, 1977			$119,615
Details of December 31, 1977 Balance:			
Claremont National Bank, Checking Account			$ 4,990
Claremont National Bank, Savings Account No. 500-433			114,625
Total			$119,615

*Cash Receipts from 1976 actually received in 1977.

Schedule 10

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
E. C. GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

BALANCE, January 1, 1977			$ (2,118)
Add: Prior Period Adjustment, Receipt from City not shown at December 31, 1976			4,578
Adjusted Balance, January 1, 1977			2,460
Receipts			
City of Claremont	$ 77,756		
Pool Receipts	4,988		
Rentals, etc.	3,609		
Total Receipts		$ 86,353	
Disbursements			
Salaries	43,938		
Services	-		
Office Supplies	303		
Telephone	1,712		
Petty Cash (Incidental Expenses)	25		
Insurance	3,164		
Fuel	9,400		
Water and Sewer	453		
Electricity	5,560		
Maintenance Supplies	-		
Repairs and Replacements	5,958		
New Equipment	7,209		
Chemicals	898		
General Expenditures	763		
Programs (Meetings, Dues, Publications)	1,225		
Health Insurance	2,663		
Social Security Taxes	2,513		
Retirement	1,693		
Total Disbursements		87,477	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts for 1977			1,124
BALANCE, December 31, 1977*			$ 1,336

*Balance includes a $500 overpayment from the City of Claremont which was corrected in January, 1978.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
E. C. GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

Revenue	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$
Community Development Grant	40,000	40,000	
Goodwin Trust Funds and Invested Income	78,670	78,670	
Transfer from Goodwin Community Center	30,000	33,000	3,000
Interest		1,325	1,325
Total Revenue	198,670	202,995	4,325
Expenditures			
General Conditions	49,303	48,034	(1,269)
Site Work	7,000	7,000	
Concrete Work	14,000	14,000	
Pre-Engineered Building	26,000	26,000	
Masonry	16,000	16,000	
Roofing	8,000	8,000	
Doors and Windows	4,500	4,714	214
Carpentry	5,000	6,273	1,273
Heating and Ventilator	16,000	14,762	(1,238)
Plumbing	6,000	7,606	1,606
Electrical	12,000	13,184	1,184
Gym Floor	19,000	18,900	(100)
Deposit (10%)	15,867	15,867	
Total Expenditures	198,670	200,340	1,670
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures*	$ --	$ 2,655	$ 2,655

*The remaining revenue is on deposit at Claremont National Bank. This amount to be expended in the future for completion of the new E. C. Goodwin Community Center.

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